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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 080404.52841US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Ingo AUST; and Heiner KOCH

entitled: **EXPANDABLE CONTAINER**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 21 claims and Abstract of the Disclosure (16 pages).
2. 6 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-4, 5a-5b and 6a-6c.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. Information Disclosure Statement & Form PTO-1449 with 2 references.
5. Application Data Sheets (3).

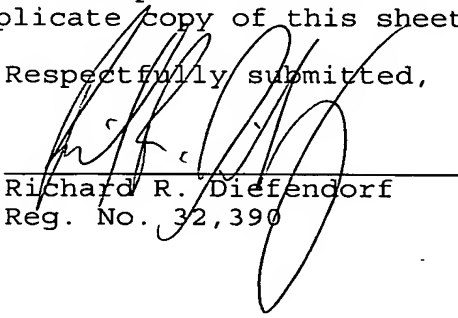
Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 103 44 180.8, filed in Germany on September 24, 2003.

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